

Building Renamed After Mosk

At a November 6 ceremony, Sacramento's historic Library and Courts Building was officially renamed in honor of the late Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk. The name change to the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building was the result of a legislative resolution honoring the longest-serving justice (37 years) in the history of the state's high court.

During the ceremony, a statue of Justice Mosk was unveiled outside the entrance to the building. The following words appear on the statue's base: "Guardian of the law and defender of civil rights and civil liberties."

Chief Justice Ronald M. George, speaking to an audience that included the six Supreme Court associate justices, other judges, and many state lawmakers, described Justice Mosk as "a giant of a man, in intellect, in spirit, and certainly in compassion."



Photo: Hudson Sangree, courtesy of the San Francisco Daily Journal

Court Briefs

Fee Waiver Update

The Judicial Council has revised its forms related to waivers of court fees.

Effective January 1, the council added "Clerk" to the signature line, allowing a court clerk to grant in full a nondiscretionary fee waiver to someone who is receiving public assistance or whose monthly income is 125 percent or less of the current federal monthly poverty line. Court clerks are not authorized to deny an application for a fee waiver or to request additional documentation unless (1) the applicant failed to provide the financial information required, or (2) the clerk has good reason to doubt the truthfulness of the facts alleged in the fee waiver application.

The first, and most-often cited, basis for denying a fee waiver is that the applicant's monthly household income exceeds the statutory limit. The second basis is "Other," and the new forms provide added space for stating the reasons for denying in whole or in part an application for a waiver.

For more information, contact Cara Vonk, 415-865-7669; e-mail: cara.vonk@jud.ca.gov.

CJP Releases Discipline Statistics

Judges who are elected have been disciplined at a higher rate

than those appointed by the Governor, according to a report released by the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP).

The *Summary of Discipline Statistics* looks at cases in which discipline was imposed by the CJP, or imposed by the California Supreme Court on recommendation by the commission, from 1990 to 1999. Included in the disciplinary data are all advisory letters, public and private admonishments, public reprimands, public censures, and decisions removing judges from office issued during this 10-year period. The disciplinary actions counted in the report—totaling 499 cases—involved only trial and appellate court judges and excluded those against subordinate judicial officers.

The report provides information related to the judge's age, years of service, size of the judge's court, disciplinary history, whether the judge was originally elected or appointed, and the type of conduct for which discipline was imposed. Following are highlights from the report:

- Younger judges tended to be disciplined more often than older ones;
- Judges serving in smaller courts were disciplined at a higher rate than those serving in larger courts; and
- A judge's demeanor was the type of conduct most often cited for discipline, followed by bias and disqualification/disclosure issues.

The complete report is available on the commission's Web site at <http://cjp.ca.gov/publicat.htm>.

Court Volunteers "Guilty"



The Superior Court of Kern County recently honored its volunteer docents by requesting their presence at a mock jury trial in which they were tried for giving freely of their time and energy to assist court visitors. The court recognized the 39 docents November 20 at its Bakersfield courthouse.

Before the trial, each docent received a mock arrest warrant as an invitation, instructing them when and where to report. Jurors returned a verdict of guilty, for which the docents were sentenced to watch 54 episodes of *Law and Order* reruns. But the court suspended the sentence on the condition that the docents accept its sincere appreciation for their dedicated service. Photo: Courtesy of the Superior Court of Kern County

Alameda Wins HR Grant

The Superior Court of Alameda County recently received a grant that promises to improve the skills and effectiveness of court staff.

The grant from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) will help the court establish a labor-management committee to oversee the development of a new employee orientation and staff training program. The FMCS funded only 13 of the 90 grant applicants, and Alameda County is the only court to receive an award.

Like other trial courts in California, the Superior Court of Alameda County has been through a significant consolidation of its municipal courts and staff. The court has since recognized that its orientation and training are delivered in a decentralized manner. This has resulted in inconsistencies and inefficiencies that could negatively affect levels of service as well as employee development.

Through the help of the grant, the court will build a comprehensive training program that will orient employees to the court and introduce basic core competencies essential for understanding court operations. Alameda County hopes to implement the program by training all newly hired employees and a percentage of existing staff by the end of the grant term in March 2004.

For more information, contact David Abel, Principal Human Resources Analyst, 510-272-6214; e-mail: dabel2@co.alameda.ca.us.

Honorable Mention in the 2002 Challenge Awards presented by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). This awards program recognizes county leaders who improve the quality of life in their communities by unflinchingly challenging the status quo and developing creative solutions to perennial problems.

In April 1999, the Superior Court of Santa Clara County began its winning program to deal with young abusers charged with acts of family violence. Once identified by juvenile probation, abusive minors are referred to the court, where a specialized unit offers supervision, classes on family violence, and mental health assessments.

The California Supreme Court in November reappointed **Retired Judge Madge Watai** to the position of State Bar Court Review Department judge. Her previous term expired on November 1, 2002, and was extended pending the court's determination of its appointment for the new term. The new term will begin on the date Judge Watai takes the oath of office and will extend to November 1, 2008.

Judge Watai was first appointed to the State Bar Court Review Department in November 2000. Before that, she was appointed as a State Bar Hearing Court judge in January 1996. Judge Watai had a distinguished career as a municipal and superior court judge in the Los Angeles courts, to which she originally was appointed in 1978.

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) recognized **Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey** for his work on trial court reform by presenting him with an award at their annual meeting November 20 in Los Angeles. The Judicial Council and the AOC have partnered with CSAC to advocate for legislative changes to improve the administration of justice. ■

Judicial Election Results

Several contested positions throughout the state required runoffs after the March 5, 2002, judicial elections. Following is a tabulation by county of the results of those runoff elections, held November 5. A total of 25 positions were in contention. Two judges retained their seats, 21 new judges were elected to fill seats open due to retirement, and 2 new judges won runoff elections with incumbents.

County	Incumbent	Winner
Alameda	Judith Ford (Ret.)	Trina Thompson Stanley (C)
Contra Costa	Walter Rogers (Ret.)	Cheryl Mills
El Dorado	Patrick J. Riley (Ret.) Gregory F. Haas (Ret.) Thomas A. Smith (Ret.)	Douglas C. Phimister Daniel B. Proud James R. Wagoner
Fresno	James Aaron (Ret.) Dennis R. Scott (Ret.)	James R. Oppliger John F. Vogt
Inyo	Patrick Canfield (Ret.)	Brian Lamb
Los Angeles	Reginald Dunn (Ret.) Michael Pirosh (Ret.) David B. Finkel (Ret.) Richard E. Spann (Ret.)	Richard F. Walmark Hank Goldberg Paul A. Bacigalupo Richard Naranjo
Monterey	Jose A. Velasquez (I)	John Adams
Orange	Ronald C. Kline Donald Macintyre (Ret.) Robert D. Monarch (Ret.)	Kellie MacEachen Glenda Sanders
San Diego	Geary Cortes	Richard Whitney
San Francisco	Douglas Munson (Ret.)	Gail Dekreon
San Joaquin	Michael Platt (I)	
San Luis Obispo	James D. Ream (Ret.)	John Trice
Santa Barbara	William Gordon (Ret.)	Brian Hill
Santa Clara	Leon Fox, Jr. (Ret.) Frank Cliff (Ret.)	Ron Del Pozzo Arthur Bocanegra
Stanislaus	Edward Lacy, Jr. (Ret.)	Linda McFadden
Trinity	John Letton (Ret.)	James Woodward

(Ret.) = retired (C) = commissioner (I) = incumbent
Source: California Judges Association

MILESTONES

Santa Clara County's Juvenile Delinquency Domestic Violence/Family Violence Court received an

Judicial Appointments

The Governor announced the following judicial appointments in November and December 2002.

APPELLATE COURTS

Cynthia G. Aaron, U.S. Magistrate, Southern District of California, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, filling a newly created position.

Raymond J. Ikola, Superior Court of Orange County,

to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, succeeding Thomas F. Crosby, Jr., retired.

Jeffrey King, Superior Court of San Bernardino County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, filling a newly created position.

SUPERIOR COURTS

Kevin Clement Brazile, Superior Court of Los Angeles

County, succeeding David A. Horowitz, retired.

Shelleyanne W. L. Chang, Superior Court of Sacramento County, succeeding Harold Manson, resigned.

James R. Dabney, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Thomas R. Simpson, retired.

Lisa A. Foster, Superior Court of San Diego County, succeeding Victor E. Bianchini, retired.

Thomas M. Goethals, Superior Court of Orange County, succeeding Tully H. Seymour, retired.

Craig D. Karlan, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Theodore

D. Platt, retired.

Michael P. Kenny, Superior Court of Sacramento County, succeeding Gary Ransom, retired.

Patricia M. Lucas, Superior Court of Santa Clara County, succeeding Edwin B. Pearce, II, retired.

Robert Alan Schnider, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding William T. Garner, retired.

David Sotelo, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Robert M. Letteau, retired.

Michael P. Vicencia, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Alban I. Niles, retired.

Kerry Wells, Superior Court of San Diego County, succeeding William B. Draper, Jr., retired.

John P. Winn, Superior Court of Sacramento County, succeeding Morrison C. England, Jr., resigned.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Leland P. Haugen, Superior Court of Merced County, succeeding Timothy F. Dickson, retired.

William Jaynes, Superior Court of Lake County, succeeding Acting Executive Officer Rae Hornung. ■

New Appointments to Council Committees

Chief Justice Ronald M. George recently appointed judges, commissioners, court administrators, attorneys, and others to fill vacancies on 12 of the Judicial Council's 15 specialized advisory committees.

Members of the advisory committees volunteer their time and expertise to study issues affecting judicial administration. Vacancies are filled annually through a nomination and selection process designed to attract qualified applicants from throughout the state's legal system. Diversity of experience, diversity of background, and diversity of geography are among the guiding criteria for selection of members.

The appointments took effect November 1, 2002, and are generally for three-year terms. Following are the newly appointed committee members and the new and reappointed committee chairs and vice-chairs.

- ACCESS AND FAIRNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Judge Ken M. Kawaichi, Superior Court of Alameda County, reappointed chair
- Judge Charles W. McCoy, Jr., Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Tina L. Rasnow, Superior Court of Ventura County
- Judge Teresa Sanchez-Gordon, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Carole Wagner Vallianos, Attorney at Law, Los Angeles
- APPELLATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Justice Joyce L. Kennard, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, reappointed chair
- Justice Ronald B. Robie, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District
- CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Judge Elihu M. Berle, Superior Court Los Angeles County, appointed chair
- Heather Adler, Legal Secretary, Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Judge Ronald L. Bauer, Superior Court of Orange County
- Judge Frederick H. Bysse, Jr., Superior Court of Ventura County
- Naida Castro, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Candace Goldman, Legal Assistance for Seniors, Alameda
- Debra K. Meyers, Superior Court of San Bernardino County
- Judge Andria K. Richey, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Judge Ramona G. See, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Judge Brian R. Van Camp, Superior Court of Sacramento County

- Robert A. von Esch, Jr., Attorney at Law, von Esch & von Esch
- COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Judge Darrell W. Stevens, Superior Court of Butte County, reappointed chair
- Claudia Alvarez, Deputy District Attorney, Orange County
- Timothy Dowell, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- COURT EXECUTIVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Alan Slater, Executive Officer, Superior Court of Orange County, reappointed chair
- Denise Gordon, Superior Court of Sonoma County
- Jody Patel, Superior Court of Sacramento County
- COURT INTERPRETERS ADVISORY PANEL**
- Justice Eileen C. Moore, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, reappointed chair
- Judge John M. Pacheco, Superior Court of San Bernardino County
- Nestor Wagner, Court Interpreter, Los Angeles
- COURT TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Justice Ming W. Chin, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, appointed chair
- Judge Margaret Henry, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Justice Douglas E. Swager, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District
- Judge Emily E. Vasquez, Superior Court of Sacramento County

- CRIMINAL LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Justice Steven Z. Perren, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, reappointed chair
- Susan Larsen Cichy, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- James P. Collins, Attorney at Law, San Francisco
- Judge Cynthia Ming-Mei Lee, Superior Court of San Francisco County
- Nancy E. O'Malley, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Alameda County
- Judge Rebecca S. Riley, Superior Court of Ventura County
- FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Judge Mary Ann Grilli, Superior Court of Santa Clara County, reappointed co-chair
- Judge Michael Nash, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, reappointed co-chair
- Steve L. Bautista, Chief Probation Officer, Contra Costa County
- Judy Bogen, Attorney at Law, Hersh, Mannis & Bogen LLP

- Commissioner Jeffrey Bostwick, Superior Court of San Diego County
- Judge John E. Dobroth, Superior Court of Ventura County
- Donna S. Hershkowitz, California Department of Child Support Services
- Miriam Aroni Krinsky, Dependency Court Legal Services, Inc.
- Dale Wells, Superior Court of Riverside County
- Jane Winer, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District
- GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE CENTER FOR JUDICIAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**
- Judge B. Tam Nomoto Schumann, Superior Court of Orange County, reappointed chair
- Judge George J. Abdallah, Jr., Superior Court of San Joaquin County, reappointed vice-chair
- Judge Marjorie Laird Carter, Superior Court of Orange County
- Judge Emilie H. Elias, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Inga McElyea, Superior Court of Riverside County
- Sherri L. Pedersen, Superior Court of Monterey County
- PROBATE AND MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Judge Stephen D. Cunnison, Superior Court of Riverside County, reappointed chair
- Mr. James R. Birnberg, Attorney at Law, Birnberg, Loeb & Loeb LLP
- Judge Fred J. Fujioka, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Kathryn G. Hirano, Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County
- Gina L. Klee, Superior Court of Fresno County
- Commissioner Dorothy McMath, Superior Court of San Francisco County

- TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- Judge John Vernon Meigs, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, appointed chair
- Lynn G. Branch, Superior Court of Orange County
- Max De Liema, Attorney at Law, Orange County
- Judge Sam Ohta, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Commissioner Deborah A. Ryan, Superior Court of Santa Clara County
- For a complete listing of all advisory committees and their members, visit the California Courts Web site at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/advisorycommittees.htm or request a copy from Secretariat at the Administrative Office of the Courts, jcservices@jud.ca.gov.

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Calendar

CONFERENCES

- JAN 26–30 Conference of Chief Justices Midyear Conference, Williamsburg, VA
- JAN 27–31 Faculty Development Conference, San Francisco
- FEB 8 California Court Association Southern Training Day, Costa Mesa
- FEB 25–28 California Judicial Administration Conference, San Francisco
- MAR 1 California Court Association Northern Training Day, San Francisco
- MAR 2–4 National Association for Court Management Midyear Conference, Tucson
- MAR 21–23 California Judges Association Retired Judges Conference, Monterey
- APR 9–10 Annual Meeting of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, Detroit

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Judicial Council business meetings will be held at the Administrative Office of the Courts in San Francisco unless otherwise noted.

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- Contact: Secretariat, 415-865-7640; e-mail: jcservices@courtinfo.ca.gov. Judicial Council meeting information is also posted on the California Courts Web site at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/.

EDUCATION

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| FEB 3–7 | New Judge Orientation, San Francisco | MAR 18–19 | Juvenile Law Institute, Los Angeles |
| FEB 6–8 | Criminal Law Institute, Monterey | MAR 20–21 | Family Law Institute, Los Angeles |
| FEB 11 | Managing @ Court: Becoming a Leader, San Francisco | MAR 27 | Managing @ Court: Building a Court Team, San Francisco |
| FEB 13 | Managing @ Court: Managing Diversity, Burbank | APR 3 | Managing @ Court: Conflict Management, San Francisco |
| FEB 18 | Managing @ Court: Performance Management, San Francisco | APR 3–4 | Computer Class for Judges, San Francisco |
| FEB 24–28 | New Judge Orientation, San Francisco | APR 7–11 | New Judge Orientation, San Francisco |
| MAR 6 | Managing @ Court: Coaching Skills, San Francisco | APR 24 | Managing @ Court: Interviewing Skills, San Francisco |
| MAR 6–8 | Civil Law Institute, Napa | | Note: Computer class students must have a Serranus identification number to participate. |
| MAR 13–14 | Computer Class for Judges, Los Angeles | | ● Contact: CJER, 415-865-7745. |
| MAR 17–21 | New Judge Orientation, San Francisco | | |

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